

THE SENATORSHIP AND OTHER THINGS

Hard Facts, Hard To Get Around, By Mr. Hardesty, of Sebastian.
Editor of The Florida Star:

The Banyan correspondent of the Indian River Advocate of last issue says: "Hard facts, hard to get around, by (Hard) sty." This is in keeping with numerous letters and messages, some as in the above case, from persons with whom I am not acquainted; and confirmatory of the broad intimation in my previous letter and that of Mr. Cooper, that "the people are going to have something to say." Whether this disposition of the people to look after their political interests will be construed as "menacing and intolerant" I cannot say, and I have no doubt that they are as indifferent about the distinction as I am. En passant, I may be pardoned for denying that there is any expression in my previous communication representing my individual ideas that can be construed as "menacing and intolerant," or even mildly dogmatic, unless it be where I ask the Brevard Democrats to let me know their wishes, and promise, so far as I can, to carry them out "without fear of punishment or hope of reward." But if you will allow a friendly reference to the mildly protesting (?) words of Mr. Cooper and others who think like him, "for my part I do not propose to stand it," I accept the toast, "here is to you."

Now, Mr. Editor, I am sorry that your answer to the queries of the people as set out by Mr. Cooper and myself does not answer. With all deference to your sources of information regarding the motives of state executive committees from fifteen to thirty years ago, there are all over this state and in every county, lots of us old Confederate ex-soldiers, who, after seeing the gauge of actual war thrown down by us, borne off in triumph by our cousins on the "other side," were forced to take up the gauge hurled at us by carpetbaggers and their negro and scallawag tools, and we "pulled up" the vote by "bull dozing," or as the negroes some of them were taught to call it "suaded 'em to vote the Democratic ticket." And this was the case all over our southland. But while this is so, it is worthy of remembrance that very many Republicans, good men and true, who came among us to build up homes and a competence, by methods other than political, soon became convinced that the negro was unfit to rule, and they became Democrats in state, and to a greater or less extent congressional questions and helped to "pull up" the vote.

But, granting all to be true as you state, about the state and congressional committee action and results, and that such action was necessary on the part of the county executive committee in order to produce like results in the county vote, the people want to know why it was that the apportionment of the precinct representation was not based on the highest county vote, as that of assessor or tax collector, instead of the weakest part of the ticket, if the building up of the party in the county was the prime object? It comes to me, sir, from one who is in a position to know and who could not help knowing, that it was done to "whip the White City people into line;" but, while we believe he told the truth, we doubt if he told the whole of the truth. Can you, and will you enlighten a suffering constituency? And while explaining, will you kindly tell us why this expedient was of such vast importance two years ago, when Democracy was not on trial, but was of no consequence four years ago when Democracy was on trial? Can you, and will you tell us why it was that two years ago three of the most prominent men in active politics at that time in Brevard, persuaded Dr. Hughlett to be a candidate for the house of representatives, and then, that he was deserted by two of them, although he had not changed or modified his views on any public question? Can you tell me why it is, that no matter how qualified in every respect a man may be, he must first get the consent and promised support of a certain coterie if he expects to have any show?

As to the senatorial question, of course it was right to give new precincts a representation; but that amount of representation should have been taken from the precincts out of which they were constructed, whether it was in Brevard or Dade.

It was not necessary to have any record of "the unwritten agreement." Among gentlemen such is not the custom. But, as to whether it existed or not, it comes to me from one who was there with nearly a "baker's dozen" of proxies in his pockets that it was made. And it comes through two other sources. The first indicated gentleman, it seems, would have been of sufficient importance to know whereof he affirms, being himself over one-seventh of the convention. Such an agreement would be void as against the people if you can show that it is against the people. The only effort you make in that direction is to intimate that Mr. Dimick is "a good servant," and state that "he has been an able, fair and conservative man, true to the people, and deserving the endorsement vouchsafed by a renomination."

The record of his votes on question of vital interest to the people will be the sufficient and only sufficient proof. If you cannot give us the senate journal record, perhaps it can be furnished you.

Very respectfully,
B. F. HARDESTY.

Tampa Has An Automobile.

The first automobile for Tampa arrived last week. The machine belongs to Edward Manrara, the cigar manufacturer, and was ordered some time ago. It was a special order, and made according to suggestions and plans submitted by Frank Bruen, of the Tampa Gas company, after studying the local conditions thoroughly. It was made with a view of overcoming certain obstacles, and it is believed it will do this. The machine is propelled by steam and uses gasoline as fuel.

EXPLANATORY.

Letter From Dr. W. L. Hughlett, of Cocoa, Florida.

Editor of The Florida Star:

Please allow me space in your valuable columns for an explanation.

I am reliably informed that my political enemies, fearing that I might in some way be brought into public notice, are industriously circulating a report that I am not a true Democrat, but a Prohibitionist, having once tried, and scheming at this time, to disrupt the Democratic party. As there are a number of citizens—strangers—on the east coast who know nothing of the past history of our section, or our public men, I submit, for their information and in justice to myself, the following statement:

Some ten or twelve years ago the county of Brevard voted dry by a majority of three to one. It was then officered by tried Democrats, the same as now. It was a well known fact that the law against the sale of liquors was not enforced in Titusville. When law abiding citizens ventured to criticize the administration for not enforcing the law they were either insulted as *kickers*, or informed that the law could not be enforced. It happened about this time I had to go to Titusville to keep an unfortunate friend out of trouble, he being under arrest for being "drunk and disorderly." I stood in the mayor's court and saw him robbed of a fine of nearly twenty dollars for being drunk on whiskey sold to him in open violation of the law.

I then and there said to some of those good people present that whether or not a public protest against such a wrong as that would do any good, that I would certainly be found protesting.

Accordingly I straightway supported and voted a Democratic Prohibition ticket, not for the purpose of disrupting the Democratic party, but as a protest against lawlessness and for the purpose of aiding a lawful civil government in carrying out the will of three-fourths of our people.

This is the only time I have ever voted any but a straight Democratic ticket. If this action entitles me to wear the brand of traitor then I'll wear it. I have no apologies to make. Some of our leading Democrats have been Republicans; it was proper for them to repent "in sackcloth and ashes."

Born and reared to young manhood in Old Virginia, in the very cradle of Democracy, I can be nothing but a Democrat; but I am not a Democrat for office. I do not need an office at this time. I'm a Democrat from principles. I believe in the rule of the people, and that power should go up from them and not come down from distant and secret corridors. If the present local option law suits the majority of our people it can stand. My position in regard to the sale and use of spirituous liquors is my own personal affair. I have never taken a drink of alcoholic beverage, and, as such, never expect to. I cannot afford to have my brain addled nor my purse drained in that way; others may do as they choose, but for myself I know that I am right.

I advocate the greatest individual liberty within lawful bounds. This is a free country, and I hope to be able to help keep it so.

If we would command the respect and confidence of those who bear the burden of government, let us see to it that those we propose to elevate to positions of public trust and responsibility are fit and capable as well as good Democrats.

Very respectfully,

W. L. HUGHLETT.
Cocoa, Fla., June 20th, 1900.

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Notice.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County:

Now comes W. F. Richards, C. A. Robinson, James E. Andrews, D. L. Alderman, L. L. Carlton, P. P. Cobb, A. C. Dittmar, L. S. Eldred, C. T. McCarty, J. T. Beville, a committee of the citizens and taxpayers of road district number five of Brevard county, Florida, and presents to your honorable board this petition, signed by a majority of the registered voters, residing in and owning land in said road district, praying the levy of a special tax of five mills at the next annual meeting of your board for levying taxes, said tax to be levied upon the property of said district for the purpose of constructing good roads in said district. And we, the undersigned registered voters residing in and owning land in said district, whose names appear upon the said petition, state to your honorable body that we, the said signers, desire the levying of a special tax of five mills, for good roads, upon the property in said district as aforesaid.

Signed in my presence as a subscribing witness:

Signatures:

G Beville
D L Alderman
A C Dittmar
Reuben Carlton
A B Lowry
W R Copeland
D S Carlton
P P Cobb
R S Reynoldy
F C Stetson
R L Brown
W W Sikes
W G Jones
M B Daniels
G S Tucker
K B Raulerson
H B Sumnerlin
J S Bell
Benjamin Hogg
J S Keen
Chas A Killer
Thomas E Richards
James E Andrews
W H Robinson
H I Kloop
W T Hayes
Harry Harvey
J C Michael
S W Jennings
W W Brown
Chas M Nelson
H G Brown
Jas G Seward
J T Gray
J B Merriwether
A N Hoffnagle
Peter E Robinson
C P Platts
John P Cook
C F Olmstead
J G May
Chas S Moore
W C Rawlinson
N W Frantz
J N Waller
E Matter
G E Dutton
C T McCarty
A B Hamor
Geo A Saeger
A E Saeger
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J T Keen
W R Hardee
John E Madison
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N C Peterson
C F Wolf
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M J Raulerson
J S Padgett
Wm Fredricksen
W D Edwards
I E Whitney
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C H Munch
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H I Hancy
C R B Hancy
E D Young
John Sorensen
D E Austin
J C Backus
T V Moore
W I Allen
H J Shultz
Thos Sanders
J C Murray
J W Westfield
F B Richards
W F Richards
H W Richards
Samuel F Webb
C A Robinson
J F Bell
J M Orrel
L Christensen
Mads Sogaard
E J Traynor
J W Franson
A Christensen
L S Eldred
Wm Carlton
M C Klammer
J T Beville
A C Dittmar

State of Florida,
Brevard County.) ss

In person came before me J. T. Beville, who, being duly sworn, says that he is one of the committee of the annexed petition, and that each and every name and mark affixed thereto was the act and deed of the person purporting to sign the same, and that there was no fraud, bribery or deception in procuring such signatures and marks, and this affidavit is made only on the personal knowledge of this affiant, and the same is true from his own personal knowledge.

Signed, J. T. BEVILLE.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June, A. D. 1900.

[Seal] A. C. DITTMAR,
Notary Public.

We, the undersigned committee, will present the foregoing petition to the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard county at their regular meeting in July, 1900.

W. F. RICHARDS,
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JAMES E. ANDREWS,
D. L. ALDERMAN,
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